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Valentine, his real and pretended knowledge of medicine and alchemy ; his denunciation of doctors, apothecaries, and surgeons ; his process for making the philosopher's stone ; his works discovered by a flash of lightning ; impositions of the alchemists ; how they effected them ; their punishments ; alchemists in danger from their very popularity ; the alchemist and the devil ; Butler, the Irish alchemist, and his miracles, testified by Van Helmont ; Glauber, his chemical sauces ; the Rosicrucian physicians, and their ridiculous pretensions ; their origin ; Robert Fludd ; cures by transplantation ; Sir Kenelm Digby ; sympathetic cures ; George Phædro ; tarantism defended lately by Hecker ; alchemists becoming useful chemical physicians ; Paracelsus an enthusiastic impostor who performed singular cures ; his life.

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FEBRUARY 14, 1851.

HUMPHREY LLOYD, D. D., PRESIDENT,  
in the Chair.

ON the recommendation of Council,

IT WAS RESOLVED, — “That the word ‘President’ be omitted in Chap. V. Sect. 3, of the By-laws ; and also, that the following words be omitted in Sect. 4 of the same Chapter of the By-laws : ‘Five of which shall be taken from the list of those who are already of the above-mentioned committee.’”

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Mr. Donovan continued the reading of his paper on the early chemical and alchemical physicians.

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Dr. Petrie exhibited an ancient Irish crozier of great beauty of execution, and supposed to be a work of the tenth century, which had been recently obtained by Cardinal Wiseman in

London; and also the celebrated crozier and mitre of Cornelius O'Deagh or Dea, Bishop of Limerick from the year 1400 to the year 1426, when, as Ware acquaints us, he resigned his bishopric in order to live a retired life. This crozier and mitre are now the property of the Right Rev. Dr. Ryan, R. C. Bishop of Limerick.

Dr. Petrie stated that he had the honour to exhibit these most interesting remains at the request of his respected friend, the Rev. Dr. Russell, of Maynooth College, who had kindly consented to their being deposited for a time in the museum of the Academy, in order that they might be seen by its members, their friends, and those who take an interest in such matters generally; and he added that, as the Limerick crozier and mitre had been very fully described by the late eminent archæologist, Dr. Milner, in a paper published, with illustrations, in the 17th volume of the *Archæologia*, and the whole of these interesting remains had been recently treated of by Dr. Russell in a very elaborate and able paper which that gentleman intended for publication, it was not his intention, nor did he think it would be proper, to do more than offer a few remarks, such as appeared to him necessary to direct the attention of the meeting to the most striking features in these beautiful remains of ancient Irish Art, and which were so valuable, as presenting the most characteristic specimens of the distinct styles of design and ornamentation which belonged to the widely separated periods of their fabrication.

Having described these characteristic features to the meeting, and expressed his concurrence in the opinions formed by Dr. Russell as to the age and country of these remains, Dr. Petrie avowed an ardent hope, in which he was sure the meeting and the people of Ireland generally would warmly sympathize, that the distinguished possessor of the more ancient crozier, which could now be only regarded as an object of historical and national interest, would see the wisdom as well as propriety of restoring

this remain to Ireland, and of securing its preservation by placing it in its most fitting depository, the national museum of our Academy.

Dr. Petrie then moved that the warmest thanks of the Academy be presented to Dr. Russell, for his kindness in permitting these interesting remains to be exhibited at this meeting, and for allowing them to remain so long in the museum of the Academy.

This motion was seconded by Dr. Todd, and passed unanimously.

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MARCH 16, 1851.—(STATED MEETING.)

HUMPHREY LLOYD, D. D., PRESIDENT,  
in the Chair.

THE Secretary of the Academy read the following Report from the Council :

The second part of the twenty-second volume of the Transactions of the Academy has been published, and the third part is in an advanced state.

The fourth volume of the Proceedings has also been completed, containing an account of the papers read and communications made to the Academy from November 8, 1847, to the 24th June last.

During the past year, as the Academy are already aware, considerable progress has been made in the meteorological and tidal observations, which have been for some time going on under the superintendence of the Committee of Science. The annexed Report, presented by that Committee to the Council, will give the Academy full information as to the progress and present state of this important undertaking.

The Academy are aware that there has been a great effort made during the past year to raise by subscription the amount necessary for completing the purchase of the Betham MSS. There remains now to be collected only the small sum of £38 12s., in order to fulfil the engagement made with Sir William Betham by Mr. Graves, and